

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A lacrosse stick comprising:
 - a. a head portion comprising a head frame for receiving a mesh thereon, at least a distal end of the head frame being yieldably flexible; and
 - b. a rigid, elongated stem portion extending from a proximal end of the head frame, the stem and head frame sharing at least a common continuous exterior material so as to define a unitary structure, wherein the stem and head frame differ in material flexibility.
2. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame and stem are mechanically joined, the stick comprising a continuous sheath covering the head frame and stem so as to define a unitary external structure.
3. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the sheath comprises a polymer.
4. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the sheath comprises a composite material.
5. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame and stem are integrally continuous portions of a single mechanical structure.
6. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 5, wherein the head frame and stem are integrally fabricated by injection molding.
7. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the head frame contains a progressively reduced amount of reinforcing material.

8. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 6, wherein a combination of materials injected to form the stem provide greater rigidity than materials injected to form the head frame.
9. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the stem is formed around a tubular metal mandrel.
10. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein the stem is fabricated from aluminum, a light weight metal, wood, or a composite material.
11. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the head frame is fabricated from a flexible plastic.
12. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the entire head frame has greater flexibility than at least a portion of the stem.
13. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the distal end of the head frame is angled such that an upper rim of the head frame protrudes distally of a lower rim of the head frame.
14. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 1, wherein the stem and head frame comprise composite materials.
15. (original) The lacrosse stick of claim 14, wherein the composite materials comprise glass, polymer, arimides, carbon, boron, or ceramics.